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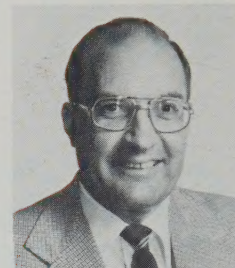
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Editor's Note:

Our apology to Richard Cattermole for the omission of his name in the list of Executive Committee Officers on Page 4, Column 3, of the Spring 1984 issue.

Christian Youth Witness

Albert H. Diebold Awards

1984

Individual

Barry Blair
Northport Christian Church
Newport, Tennessee

For his "day in jail"
project
Barry receives \$200 in cash



Society

Junior
Christian Endeavor Society
Fairlington Presbyterian Church
Alexandria, Virginia

For their "feed the hungry"
project, this group receives \$225
in cash.

Winning youth and Christian Endeavor societies in the 1984 Christian Endeavor Youth Witness Program sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor have been announced by Rev. Charles W. Barner, General Secretary.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards, in addition to cash, include an attractive plaque to all winners, plus honor certificates to all other qualified entrants. The awards are being presented at state or local Christian Endeavor events or at the winners' home church.

Individual winners entered an activity, cartoons, talk, poster, and service projects. Entries had to be developed, written, or released after February 28, 1983, and were judged on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used and their Christian witness to the community.

Societies sponsored and reported Christian witness projects begun after February 28, 1983. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established and achieved and its Christian witness to the community.

Through the generous financial support of the Diebold Foundation, this continuing program has been made possible for the past 33 years. The 1984 program marks the 28th year that the awards have been named in honor of the late Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City.

Judges for the entries were: Mrs. Basanti Jacobs, Core Mission Interpreter of the United Methodist Church, Antioch, Tennessee; Dr. Edgar L. Mack, Executive Secretary, Department of Christian Education, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Brentwood, Tennessee; and Dr. Tom Smith, Regional Sales Manager, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, Tennessee.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

BLAIR

Barry Blair, a nine-year-old member of the Christian Endeavor Society, Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee, is the first-place winner in the individual category of the 1984 Christian Youth Witness Program.

To take top honors, Barry went to jail on Valentine's Day in 1984. In one paper bag he had valentine candy for all the prisoners of the Sevier County Jail to be served with the evening meal. In another bag he had 55 home-made valentines. They were the nine-year old's own design with a hand-drawn heart on the front and on the inside the message of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life."

Barry, the son of Eddie and Martha Blair, is in the fourth grade at Pigeon Forge Elementary School.

SHULTS

The second-place winner in the individual category of the 1984 Christian Youth Witness Program is fourteen-year-old Patricia Shults of the Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee.

Patricia received the second place award for giving a party at a special learning center in her area. There are 34 retarded or handicapped children at the center with two teachers and ten aides.

In preparation for the party on Thursday, February 16, Patricia made nine dozen cookies for refreshments. She also made a white cross with red hearts pasted

on the center and wrote "God is love" on the hearts. A treat bag was prepared for each child.

The program included introductions, songs that gave a Christian witness, prayer, giving of treat bags, and refreshments. One teacher commented that not many people come to the special learning center.

TAYLOR

Lori Taylor, the fourteen-year-old member of Lakes Community Chapel, Lake Pine, New Jersey, is the third-place winner in the individual category of the 1984 Christian Youth Witness Program.

Lori won third place for helping to write and direct "Christmas in the Heart" for the Lakes Community Chapel. The Christmas program was presented at the church on December 21, 1983, and repeated January 22, 1984, by the "God's Young Promises" youth group of the church.

Lori says she wrote this program for "God's Young Promises" for two reasons: 1) to help get children and young people involved in the ministry of the local church; and 2) to stress the real meaning of Christmas and show how we sometimes get caught up in the commercialism of Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. David Russell, who serve as the youth leaders at Lake Community Chapel, write: "Lori had taken care of every detail from props and music to sound and staging. . . Lori showed more love and understanding than many adults would have while working with young children. The program was done without any attention being drawn to herself, just to the

Christ Child and the true meaning of Christmas."

BARNES

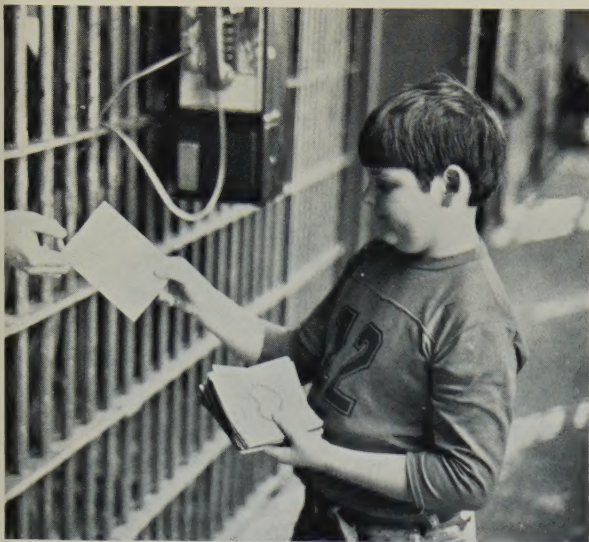
Christopher Wade Barnes, the fourteen-year-old vice-president of the Sevier County Church of God youth group, Sevierville, Tennessee, is the fourth-place winner in the individual category of the 1984 Christian Youth Witness Program.

Christopher won fourth place for his youth week project of displaying cartoons with Bible verses in various public places. He selected 24 public places including stores, schools, banks, churches, and the post office.

The two cartoons he used stressed these two Bible principles, "Let him who thinks he standeth take heed lest he fall," (1 Corinthians 10:12) and "Ye have not because ye ask not" (James 4:2) in conjunction with "Everyone that asks receives." (Luke 11:9) "Using art, a talent God has given me, a tool I enjoy using," Christopher said, "I made my community more aware of the presence of God and people willing to work to make His name known, and to give me greater joy in doing His work."

RUNNERS-UP

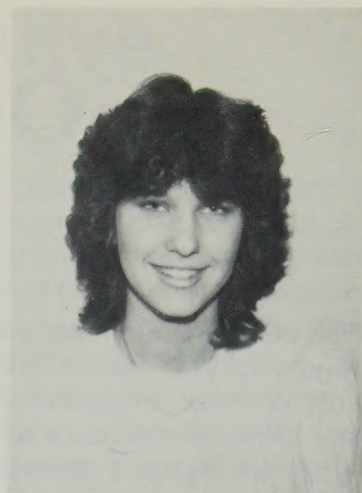
The three runners-up in the 1984 Christian Youth Witness Program (listed alphabetically) are: Chip Cantrell, Sevier County Church of God, Sevierville, Tennessee, Mary Shults, Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee; and Amanda Simmons, Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren in Christ Church, Churchville, Virginia.



Barry Blair Visiting Jail



Valley View Wesleyan Youth in Valley View Christmas Parade



Lori Taylor, Third Place Individual Winner



Patricia Shults with Award Plaque



Pleasant Grove Youth Witness at Bellville Street Fair



Runner-up, Christopher Barnes



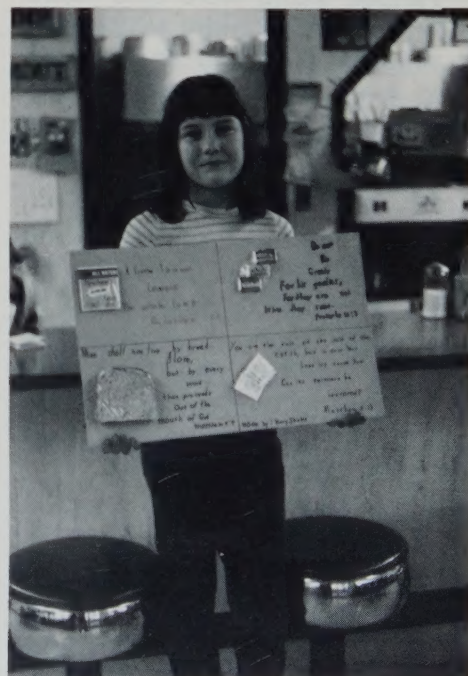
Pleasant Grove's Bellville Parade Entry



Amanda Simmons with Two Campers



Runner-up, Chip Cantrill



Runner-up, Mary Shults

SOCIETY WINNERS

1st

First-place winner in the society category of the 1984 Christian Youth Witness Program is the Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Fairlington Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Virginia.

To win the top spot the society conducted a three-month "Feed the Hungry" project. The twelve young people with their sponsors started the summer '83 project by taking 15 lunches to Hopkins House which provides overnight housing, domestic classes and youth programs. There was concern about the safety of the group delivering the food in the low-income, high crime area of the city but the people were friendly and all went well.

As word of the program spread the need increased and 30 lunches were provided. The lunches included a sandwich, fruit, cookies, and a beverage.

Various tracts were also distributed with the lunch to provide spiritual nourishment. By the end of summer the need arose to 70, then 80, and finally 100 lunches. As the children returned to school older members of the church helped with the program of feeding the elderly, the young, and the unemployed with one meal a day.

Andrew Colley is president of the society, Mrs. Jackie Bowlin is the sponsor, and Dr. Graham Smith is pastor of the church.

2nd

The second-place winner in this year's society competition is the Valley View Wesleyan Youth Group, Valley View Wesleyan Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

The youth group won second place with its service and outreach project which included: 1) a tape ministry for shut-ins; 2) adopting Mrs. Collie Wade (101 years old) as grandma and remembering her throughout the year with cards and gifts; 3) entering a float in the Roanoke Christmas parade; 4) presenting W.A.Y. puppet programs in church, at scout meetings, and the Virginia Christian Endeavor Convention; and 5) presenting a Christmas play in their church.

Norma Kidd serves as society president, Mrs. May Hall is the sponsor, and Rev. Kenneth Dupin is pastor of the church.

3rd

The Christian Endeavor Society of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was the third-place winner in the 1984 competition.

To take third place the society was involved in a local Rescue Mission project. The youth conducted services at the mission which presented the claims of Christ. Following the services, food and beverage was served, clothing was collected for the people who stay at the mission, and the youth helped do physical work around the mission.

Rev. Robert B. Wells is the pastor of Bethesda Church, Elaine Kitchen is president of the society, and Rev. Carl Campbell helps with the youth program.

4th

The fourth-place winner in this year's competition is the Christian Endeavor Society of Pleasant Grove Community Church, Bellville, Ohio. Their winning entry was a year-long outreach project.

The Pleasant Grove Community Church is located near Bellville, Ohio. Rev. Lee Hiney serves as pastor, and Miss Colleen Mowry is sponsor of the Christian Endeavor Society.

Under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Oyler, they began a puppet ministry. On Easter they told the story of the resurrection with a play, "Easter on Network News." A float was entered in the Mansfield, Ohio, city parade in June and in the Bellville parade on July 4th. Around the theme, "God Keeps His Promises," a farm product display was entered in the Bellville street parade in September and in the Loudenville Street Fair in October. The final project was Christmas caroling at the Overlook Nursing Home in December.

Runners-Up

Runners-up in the society entries, listed alphabetically by states, are: Youth Encounter Christian Endeavor, First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Washington, D.C.; Christian Endeavor Society, Leesburg United Presbyterian Church, Volant, Pennsylvania; and Christian Endeavor Society, Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee.

Wanted: Dead AND Alive

Romans 12:1-13



by Timothy J. Kribs

It was about 1888 that it was decided that the 12th chapter of Romans ought to be the Christian Endeavor chapter of the Bible. Of course, it is one of the outstanding chapters of the New Testament as it speaks to us of how to live the Christian life and how to live it more effectively.

I have entitled this message *Wanted: Dead AND Alive*. Not "dead or alive." That is what you usually see on a poster. No, this is "dead AND alive." That is one of the enthusiastic things the Apostle Paul says here in Romans 12. He says we ought to be dead to ourselves and dead to sin and alive to the Lord Jesus Christ. There ought to be both of these characteristics present in our lives. We ought to be dead to all the things that would bind us back, but certainly alive in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the opening verse of this great chapter, Paul says we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice. One of the sharp distinctions between the Old Testament and the New Testament has to do with sacrifice. In the Old Testament you would bring your pet lamb or whatever perfect animal you were offering in sacrifice, you would bring it

to the gate of the tabernacle. You would lay your hands upon its head and the priest with his large knife would slit the throat of the animal, the blood would be caught and removed in a prescribed manner and the animal would be burned—completely consumed by fire. When you offered sacrifices in the Old Testament, the sacrifice was dead! The animal was consumed, it was gone.

Here in Romans 12 it speaks of a living sacrifice, not something that is dead, but something that is living, alive.

It reminds me, of course, of the days of Abraham. You remember Abraham was commanded by God to take his son, the son of promise, Isaac, out and offer him in sacrifice. Abraham obeyed, like he always obeyed. But when they arrived on Mount Moriah, where the temple was later built, he got everything ready, took out his knife to offer Isaac when the Lord stayed his hand and, of course, there was a sacrifice there provided by the Lord which was consumed. But Isaac literally became a living sacrifice. He was a sacrifice who lived. That is what we are to be. We must get rid of those dead things in our lives, the things that would drag us down and instead live lives that honor and glorify Jesus and lift Him up continually. What a privilege it is to be a living sacrifice and let's remember that we are not called upon to present something that is dead to the Lord. We are instead called upon to present something that is alive. Jesus is all in all and we owe everything to Him.

That is why this great chapter 12 of Romans begins with the word "Therefore." Paul was talking about the great mercy of God, justification by faith and the forgiveness of sins. As a result of these

great gifts we ought to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God, holy and acceptable to Him which is our spiritual service of worship.

Paul knew what he was talking about when he spoke of a living sacrifice. It is over in II Corinthians 11 where he describes five times he received the forty lashes less one, three times he was beaten with rods, three times he was shipwrecked, a night and a day he was adrift at sea. He goes on describing all he had suffered for Jesus. But remember, Paul was still alive. He had done these things out of sacrifice, certainly, but it was a living sacrifice and that is what we are called upon to present.

In these first thirteen verses there are three very important items in being both dead and alive. Paul talks about being a Living Worship. He says we ought to present our bodies as a living sacrifice because that is our spiritual service of worship.

Think about your body a moment. I'm told that our body is composed of in excess of 200 bones. To give our bodies to Jesus means we give all of that framework to Him as well as every other part. We are to present our *bodies* as a living sacrifice.

He uses other descriptive words. It is to be "holy," set apart for God, not like everything else, but different than the world would have it to be. It is to be our spiritual service of worship. Our worship of God ought to be involved in our being a living sacrifice.

It tells us in Acts 2:42 what that worship is to be. They continued steadfastly in the Apostles' teachings, fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers. We must be sure all of these are a part of our worship today as well.

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Wanted: Dead AND Alive

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Notice the great words that are here. "Transformed." We are not to be the same as we were before. In our bad weather this winter everyone again discovered how important a transformer is in supplying the electricity in your house. If during that time you lost the transformer serving your house, you were in the dark. The reason we must have transformers is to make the electricity usable in our houses. If it came in directly, all our lights and appliances would be "blown out" and thus unusable. That is imperative that we be transformed. We are transformed by giving our allegiance to Jesus.

Paul also says to "Present your bodies to God." There is no more characteristically Christian demand. A Greek would never say that to him all that mattered was the Spirit. The body was only a shackle and a prison house; the body was something to be despised and even ashamed of. The Christian believes that his body belongs to God just as much as his soul does. He can serve God just as well with his body as he can with his mind and his spirit. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, where He dwells, the instrument through which He works. The great fact of the incarnation basically means that God Himself did not grudge to take a human body upon Him, and to live in it and to work through it. Take a church building or a cathedral. It is built for the offering of worship of the spirit of man to God. But it has to be designed by the mind of some architect; it has to be built by the hands of craftsmen and laboring men; only then does it become a place where men meet to worship. It is most literally a product of the mind and the body and the spirit of man. "Take your body, all it does—work, rest, activities—offer all as an act of worship to God."

You cannot separate the physical and the spiritual. God knew that; that is why He declared all things clean in the New Testament. That is why we are even to present our bodies to God. Note, we are to *present* our bodies to God.

This makes us "acceptable." This is the same term as in God's voice: "This is my beloved son in whom I am *well pleased*." We are not to be conformed." Stop being schematized by the world. Stop falling into the pattern of this present age. "Be transformed." This is the same term as "metamorphosis." Be changed so drastically that even any resemblance is changed. Like the change of a worm into a butterfly or of a tadpole into a frog. Be meta-morphosed by an entirely new mind set: Get a new mind. This is distinct from repentance. Not change, but renewal. This enables us to "prove" our acceptability with God. We demonstrate through testing our new life in Jesus.

We can even learn this from sacrifice in the Old Testament—there were sin and trespass offerings. To obtain propitiation and expiation (sin-covering), Christ offered these for us on the cross. There were also burnt offerings of thanks and joy and a peace offering to restore fellowship with God. These required the whole carcass. These required entire consecration. He must wholly surrender to have fellowship with God.

If the Jewish program of sacrifice had stopped with the sin and trespass offerings, there would have been no Biblical symbolism showing that Christians are called upon to do anything in a sacrificial way. But there are two other sacrifices offered after propitiation and expiation. These were the burnt offerings, offered as an act of worship daily and also on occasions of joy and thanksgiving (II Chronicles 29:31,32) and peace-offerings, which spoke of restored

fellowship and communion with God. Now the faith-life is exempted from the expiatory or sin and trespass offerings by the cross of Christ, but it was not relieved of the burnt and peace offerings, the former of which required that the entire carcass of the victim be consumed in the flame (Exodus 29:38-42; Numbers 28:3,4) as a symbol of the entire consecration of the offerer or devotee to the service of God, for the life of the offering stood for his own life. (Presenting his whole self as an offering to God.) Here is a basic principle of the Christian life: Though the purposes and motives of sacrifice are changed so that expiation gives place to thanksgiving and communion, yet the consecrated sacrificial life is required, a living sacrifice.

Note the continuousness of sacrifice implied by the term "living." The animal sacrifice was over and ended when its body was consumed. If perfect and accepted as without blemish, it was accepted by God and offered forgiveness for all the past.

Not so with Christian sacrifice, for the Christian's dying leads at once to his being alive. Buried with Christ in baptism, raised to new life, the Christian, therefore, as a living, never-to-be recalled sacrifice, is required to keep and perpetuate his holiness and acceptability, as an "odor of a sweet smell" (Ephesians 5:2; Philippians 4:18; Leviticus 1:9) lest he become a castaway. The designs of many to wait till sickness or old age overtakes them before presenting their sacrifice are misplaced, for such conduct is like presenting the maimed and halt and blind to God.

Presenting your body as a living worship to God: All of our lives ought to be lived in worship to God and we should give our lives more fully to Him every day. Paul goes on in this great chapter and speaks

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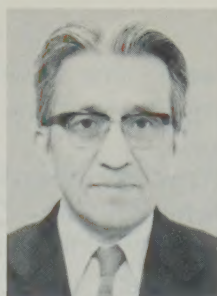
Spotlighting...



ALF CHESTERTON

Vice-President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and National Secretary of the Australian Christian Endeavor Union, Alf has long been involved in the Christian Endeavor movement. He has served as a District Union Representative, National Efficiency Superintendent (1953-1955), National Secretary (1954-1966 and again since 1976), National Vice-President (1970-1972), National President (1972-1974), National Deputy President (1974-1976), Administrator of Christian Endeavor Publications in Australia, and is a Life Councillor of the Australian Christian Endeavor Union. Alf is a member of St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Birrong, New South Wales, is a licenced reader and preacher in the Anglican Church, and also is a Bible study group leader in his church. In the past he has served as church Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, Parish Councillor, and Men's Fellowship Secretary.

He also has served as a Council Alderman and Secretary for the Progress Association. Alf and his wife Myra have three children: Anne, Paul, and Margaret. In addition to serving as a World's Union Vice-President since 1974, Alf was Chairman of the 1986 Time and Place Committee and is serving as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Review of the Bylaws.



TAKASHI OKU

Pastor of the Sangenjaya Church, United Church of Christ in Tokyo, Japan, Takashi is a Vice-President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. He is a graduate of Kiryu Technical College; Department of Divinity of Aoyama-Gakuin University; Department of Literature, Aoyama-Gakuin University; Tokyo Union Theological College; and Department of Divinity, McGill University Graduate School, Montreal, Canada. Takashi currently serves as Chairman of the Committee of Ministers' Homes for the Aged, United Church of Christ in Tokyo, instructor of Tokyo Bible Seminary United Church of Christ (thirty-five years), and a volunteer probation officer of the Ministry of Justice in Japan (thirty-two years). He is a past Moderator of the Tokyo Parish of the United Church, a former member of the Executive Board, and also served as Chaplain of Tokyo-Eiwa Girls' High School and College for ten years. He has both edited and published **The Companion of Faith** monthly for twenty-three years.

Takashi serves both as President and Secretary for International Relations of the Japan Christian Endeavor Union. He also is a member of the 1986 World's Union Convention Program Committee. He and his wife Teruko have three children: Mary Thomas, Mikako Ito, and Naoto Oku.



JAMES HERON

As Area II General Secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union with Headquarters in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, England, Jim is responsible for the promotion of Christian Endeavor in Europe, Africa, India, Pakistan, and the Near East. He also is the National Organizer of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland (which includes the national unions of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and the federations within England).

Jim serves as the Christian Endeavor House Convener, General Purposes Committee Convener, Extension Convener, Evangelistic Convener, and General Secretary of the Holiday Homes Advisory Committee.

Born in Musselburgh, Scotland (near Edinburgh), Jim is a graduate of Baptist College in Glasgow and is honorary pastor of the Radford Semele Baptist Church. He is a past president of the Scottish Christian Endeavor Union, British Christian Endeavor Union, and Scottish Baptist Christian Endeavor Union. He has served as Secretary of the Glasgow Baptist Association, pastor of Hermon and Springburn Baptist Churches in Glasgow, and President of the Baptist Union of Scotland.

He and his wife Christine currently reside in Whitnack. Jim is a member of the Warwick Street Baptist Church in Leamington Spa. He also serves as a member of the World's Union Executive Committee and its 1986 Convention Program Committee.

Life Is Full of Surprises



by James Murdoch

The editor has asked me to share with you some of my experiences as I have travelled to different places. Quite a number of pleasant surprises have come my way. Let me tell you about them.

In Washington, D.C.—Rev. Jerome Fowler has special community responsibility in Shaw Junior High School in the Capital city and invited me to speak to the 1,200 students in this magnificently appointed building. Two assemblies were held in order that they all might see and hear me. It was the first time some of them had seen a kilt first hand and Jerome reports it was a “sensational!”

My friends in Scotland might also have thought it sensational to see me march up and down the Assembly Hall platform singing Scottish songs. Rather daring, too, because one of the senior students with a fine voice sang beautifully just before I was presented to them. It proved a good opportunity to go on to say something to them about Christian Endeavor and what it means to be on the Lord's side before I sat down. Incidentally, I have rarely been in a school where everyone seemed so happy

and at the same time so well disciplined. Perhaps one is the reason for the other?

In Central Schwenkfelder Church, Pennsylvania—Dr. Jack Rothenberger, President of the International Society, invited me to preach at his morning services in this fine church, which originated from Germany. I hardly expected to find four pipers present with their bagpipes, nor that the assistant minister, Rev. Tom Byron, would, like myself, be in Scottish national dress. However, more was to come, because just before the sermon the pipers played two stirring marches including *Scotland the Brave*. Not quite the usual introduction to preaching the Word! However, after thanking them for coming and making my Scottish blood tingle, I told the congregation I was even more pleased to be with them as part of a family not bound by ties of race, nation, or denomination but “all one in Christ Jesus.”

In County Donegal, Ireland—March 1984 saw me take the ferry crossing over the Irish Sea from Scotland to Northern Ireland. At the Irish Convention last year I promised to visit the small but keen group of juniors and young people in Donegal on the sparsely populated Atlantic Coast of the Emerald Isle. A Sunday evening service was arranged in a Mission run by a good friend of mine. He decided to make it an occasion to gather together as many of the young people and others from the churches in the area. About 50 to 100 were expected. In the event the hall was packed to capacity with 150 folks of all ages—a high proportion of them being men. Testimonies to Christ and Christian Endeavor were given—two of them

by ministers. My wife Betty told how the Lord had drawn us together through our common interest in Christian Endeavor and then led us through the different spheres of army life, business life, life in the pastorate, and now traveling the world for Christian Endeavor. Children and young people sang praises to the Lord in groups. I began to wonder if I was really needed to speak but at 10 p.m. it was my turn and this was followed by supper to which nearly everyone remained. They said, and so did we, it was a night to remember! Praise the Lord!

In West Wales—Easter was spent in Pembrokeshire at the Welsh National Convention, thus fulfilling my desire to pay a presidential visit to all the conventions held annually in the British Isles. The closing rally was highlighted by a musical presentation called *The New Covenant* in which a mixed choir of over 100 voices sang with Welsh fervour and harmony as only they can. To typify the Old Covenant they dressed in costumes related to Bible times for the first part, then in today's clothes for the second part to bring out the contrast between the old and the new. Most inspiring!

On The Air—Over 4,000 Miles Away—Perhaps the greatest surprise of all was to be involved in a radio “hook-up” with the MBI (Moody Bible Institute) broadcasting station in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., from my home in Killin, Scotland. They phoned me earlier in the day to say they wanted Charles Barner to link in from Columbus, Ohio, along with myself, at 4:30 p.m. Chicago time to talk about Christian Endeavor and its

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Thank You, Charles

On May 31, 1984, Charles Barner completed over 14 years service as General Secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and nearly twelve years as General Secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. He resigned both positions in order to accept the pastorate of the First Evangelical Congregational Church in Palmyra, Pennsylvania. Charles has traveled extensively in his responsibility as General Secretary and has been an ambassador for Christian Endeavor around the world. He has touched the lives of many young people and adults as he has ministered for Christ and the Church through Christian Endeavor.

On May 11 the Christian Endeavor Headquarters personnel held a recognition dinner in honor of Charles and Etta at the Calvin United Presbyterian Church in Columbus. Among the tributes received were the following messages from the World's Christian Endeavor Union President and the President of the International Society.

"We are all sorry you are going to leave Headquarters but there

comes a time when the Lord directs our steps and it is so important to be where He wants us to be. I remember so clearly how I hesitated when the call came to go out of business life into the pastoral ministry, but then having obeyed I look back now at His amazing goodness to me in so many ways.

"I wish to thank you for the wonderful fellowship we have had as brothers in Christ, over the years we have been associated in the work of Christian Endeavor throughout the world. It has been our privilege to see God blessing this work in many countries, and Betty and I will always remember the miles we traveled together with you and Etta. Even if we did run late into the night sometimes, you were the true guide, wise counselor, and close friend.

"I shall miss those consultations we had with each other at Headquarters and on the telephone. I am glad to know, however, that the friendship generated between us will last not only as long as we are spared to live down here, but forever, because it is founded on faith in our Lord Jesus.



Charles and Etta at Farewell Dinner. Leis were a gift from Hawaiian Endeavorers.

*"Charles, I know I write not only for myself and Betty, but for so many Christian Endeavor friends all over the world, as we thank you for what is past and pray God's blessing on you and Etta as you go into future ministry. We are glad you were 'loaned' to us for these years and are sure you will still be with us in all our endeavors **For Christ and the Church.**"*

Jim Murdoch

"Congratulations on your retirement from the position of General Secretary of International and World Christian Endeavor. You have given excellent service to this movement and I want to express my sincere gratitude. I regret that Jean and I cannot be present at your dinner, but be assured we are with you in spirit.

"We pray for your continued good health and wish God's richest blessings upon you and Etta as you begin your new work as Pastor and wife to a church in the great state of Pennsylvania! Welcome home!"

Jack Rothenberger

Our thanks, our best wishes, and our prayers go with you. We will miss you here at "1221." May God richly bless you in your new avenue of service for Him. We rejoice that you and Etta will both continue to serve with us in a new capacity as "volunteers" in the ongoing ministry of Christian Endeavor.



With his wife, Lucille, watching, Lavern Billig emcees the recognition dinner.



"Charlie's Angels" (l-r)—Carole Fox, Eleanor Tope, Anna Voss, Norma Brown, and Jean Hinton



Bits and Pieces

New state presidents recently elected include: Nathaniel Trull (Lowell), Massachusetts; Rev. Nile Boroff (Rockford), Ohio; Arnie Lowder (Turner), Oregon; Jonathan Stewart (Mercer), Pennsylvania; Michelle Jackson (Dallas), Texas; Glenn Barley (Redmond), Washington; and Mrs. Barbara Cover (Wheeling), West Virginia. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to each of these individuals as they assume their new positions of leadership in Christian Endeavor.

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Word has recently been received of the death of Albert K. Arend, a life trustee of the International Society. Mr. Arend has held many state and district offices in Christian Endeavor as well as serving for a number of years as a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society and the Board of Trustees of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

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The Executive Committee of the World's Christian Endeavor Union voted to recognize the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand (Pacific Islanders' Church) as the national Christian Endeavor Union of New Zealand and the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Marburg Mission in Brazil as the Brazilian Christian Endeavor Union.

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Bishop A. A. Akpan, Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Christian Endeavor Union, recently reported that work there is progressing nicely and prays "for the Lord to use our hands for His glory and honor." The Meadows Secondary Commercial School has 1,409 students and 30 tutors; the Pagel Commercial and Evangelical Seminary, 509 students and 8 tutors; and the Community Secondary School, 800 students and 15 tutors. A school in Cameroon also was opened in September 1983 with 40 students. Delegates from both countries plan to attend the World's Convention in Seoul, Korea, in 1986.

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Word has been received of the formation of the Christian Endeavor Union of Liberia. Officers include: Dr. Augustus Theo Seongbae, Sr., President; Elder Anthony Kpallen, Vice-President; Rev. George Chea, Secretary; and R. Moses Dee Weah, Treasurer.

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Our congratulations are extended to Rev. Charles E. F. Howe (Illinois) and Althea Scherer (Michigan) who were united in marriage, January 1984. Charles was a former Associate General Secretary and Treasurer of the International Society. They will be residing at Grosse Point, Michigan.

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Don Vespremi, a Trustee of the International Society and a member of the Educational Committee has been named Field Secretary for the Texas Christian Endeavor Union. Don will be contacting churches, conducting sponsor's clinics, and planning conferences for the Texas Union.

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Jeff Peiffer has been made full-time Field Secretary for the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union effective July 1, 1984. Jeff has been serving on a part-time basis and now will be available for increased service to the churches and county unions throughout Pennsylvania.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Ray (Jane) Bartholomew and Rev. Jerry Mahaffey who have recently been named as co-editors of **Youth Today**, the voice of Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor.

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Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following long-time Christian Endeavorers: Mary Devitt (Ontario); R. H. (Dick) Fuqua (Texas); Mrs. Henry W. (Elizabeth Wells) Godfrey (Massachusetts); Rev. Harvey C. Hahn (Ohio); Rev. Hugh Mactaggart (Ontario); Mrs. Olive Mossom (Ontario); and Mrs. Stella Winn (California).

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of being a living worker. It is not enough just to worship, we must be sure we live lives of service. Doing what Jesus wants and learning by our doing is God's desire.

God always calls working men—Moses was herding sheep when the burning bush appeared. God called him from herding sheep to leading men. Amos was a shepherd and tender of Sycamore trees when God called him. Jesus worked all of His life as a carpenter and our Savior Lord. He still works—preparing a place for us. Jesus called the four fishermen to follow Him. He called Matthew from his tax collecting. He called Paul from his Jewish faith to work for the Gospel. . .

Paul goes on and encourages each of us to be living witnesses of Jesus' love. We know God wants us to witness. In the last words Jesus gave to us He commands that we go into all the world and preach the Gospel to everyone (Matthew 28:18-20). In Romans 10:15 Paul says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news." Most of us do not have beautiful feet, but we know what that means, don't we? It means God loves to see us proclaiming His love to others and reaching out for Jesus to others.

Jesus is described as the shepherd seeking the lost sheep, and following His example, we should do the same thing. When Peter, trying to walk on the water, sank, Jesus lifted him up. We can do the same thing in Jesus' power. Let's be living witnesses of Jesus' love. Remember, "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

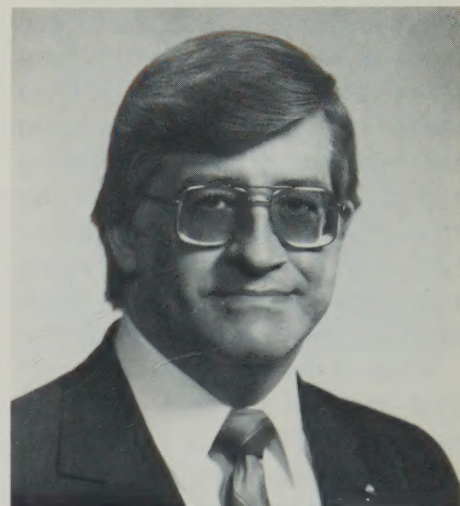
It is essential that we witness. Jesus said a city set on a hill cannot be hid, it is seen by all. You don't light a candle and put it under

Dave Jackson Named General Secretary

Rev. David G. Jackson has been named General Secretary of both the World's Christian Endeavor and the International Society of Christian Endeavor. He was elected General Secretary of the International Society by the Executive Committee at its recent meeting in Holland, Michigan, and by the Executive Committee of the World's Union at its May 7 meeting in Liberty Corner, New Jersey.

Dave, who has served as Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the International Society for the past five years, has been an active leader in Christian Endeavor for a number of years. He continues to serve as Treasurer of the International Society and as editor of **The Christian Endeavor World**.

A native of Derby, New York, Dave previously served for thirteen years at the Headquarters of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Huntington, Indiana.



Before coming to Christian Endeavor Headquarters, Dave served as a member and Chairman of the Executive's Program Council and had been a member of the Educational Committee for nearly ten years, serving as its Chairman at the time.

Dave assumed his new responsibilities June 1.

a pan, you set it up where its light shines afar. We need to let our light shine in that manner, too. We must be sure we are shining because of the wickedness in the world.

Think again of what it means to be a living sacrifice. Someone has said that relates very clearly to Christian baptism, we are buried in the watery grave, but we are also raised to newness of life the New Testament says, so we become a living sacrifice. That ought to be the desire and goal of all of us. . .

There are many illustrations of those who have given their best for the Master. The New Testament is full of illustrations: Stephen, Philip, Paul, and Timothy. Church history is also full of illustrations.

There was a young man who was born in 1881, the same year that Christian Endeavor was founded. His name was Zenas Loftis. He was a brilliant young man. I'm told he was always at the top of the honor roll at his schools and colleges. He was encouraged to study medicine, which he did and he became a medical missionary. In 1909 at the age of 28 he went to Tibet. Much money had been poured into his education to get his M.D. and to become an excellent preacher. He had many wild experiences getting to the border of Tibet. There were mud huts with cattle below. The mud was full of bugs, dropping on him or knocking mud on him. He saw the vilest

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Life Is Full of Surprises

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worldwide influence on their afternoon "People and News" program. Promptly around 10:30 p.m. (Killin time) they came back on and gave us a wonderful opportunity. At the break, in the middle of our part, we could hear the weather forecast and traffic report for the evening rush hour going on the air, and then they came back to us for more. I closed the interview with a brief word on Romans 12:1 which won't surprise many who read this!

What of the Future?—I expect I shall continue to meet with more surprises. With visits planned for Bad Liebenzell, Germany, Holland, India, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, we are sure the Lord will have new delights to share with us. Pray for us that we may be ready to seize every opportunity for the praise of His glory and to the encouragement of all to whom we witness in Christ's name for the sake of Christian Endeavor.

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of heathen religion, disease and the desperate need of Christ. He finally arrived and began his work in earnest. But he contacted Smallpox and died two months after his arrival.

A man with a great future that many say threw his life away. But his life was a living sacrifice to Christ and Christ knew that, today, while no missionaries can bear witness on the Tibetan border, the tomb of this brave man with its cross and Christian witness stands today witnessing of a life surrendered to the Savior of all mankind.

Is your life a living sacrifice for Christ? Let Him have His way with you.

Society Roll Call

Societies and unions which have become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor through financial support of \$25 or more during March, April, and May of 1984 are listed here. Each of these groups has received an enrollment certificate. Those groups which have contributed \$100 or more have received a gold seal certificate.

Groups are arranged alphabetically by state and province. Others who enroll will be listed in future issues.

GOLD SEAL

American Samoa Christian Endeavor Society
Argo Presbyterian Church, Trussville, Alabama
Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union, Washington, D.C.
Department of Church Services, Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington, Indiana
Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union
Christian Endeavor Poling Alumni Association, Cleveland, Ohio
Central Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio
Good Samaritan Reformed Church in America, Gahanna, Ohio
Adult Christian Endeavour Society, New Dundee United Brethren In Christ Church, New Dundee, Ontario
Mt. Olive Evangelical Church of North America, Connellsville, Pennsylvania
Maysville Christian Endeavor, Maysville Community Church, Greenville, Pennsylvania
Texas Christian Endeavor Union
First Reformed Church, Yakima, Washington

HONOR GROUPS

Christian Endeavor, Mt. Rona Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
First United Brethren Church, Twin Falls, Idaho
Alumni Council of Christian Endeavor, Chicago, Illinois
Christian Endeavor, Calvary Reformed Church, South Holland, Illinois
Sagamore (Massachusetts) Christian Endeavor Alumni
Junior Christian Endeavor, North Holland Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Christian Youth Fellowship, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Billings, Montana
Adult Christian Endeavor Society, Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis, Missouri
Brooklyn/Queens (New York) Christian Endeavor Alumni
Hamilton Christian Endeavour Fellowship, Hamilton, Ontario
Lambton County (Ontario) Christian Endeavour Fellowship
Varick Christian Endeavor Society, St. Augustus A.M.E. Zion Church, Kinston, North Carolina
Columbus (Ohio) Area Adult Christian Endeavor Fellowship
Christian Endeavor, Bunker Hill Evangelical Congregational Church, Akron, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor, St. Jacob's Stone Church, Brodbeck, Pennsylvania
Adult Christian Endeavor, Central Fellowship Church, Connellsville, Pennsylvania
Franklin County (Pennsylvania) Christian Endeavor Union
Junior Christian Endeavor, North Liberty United Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor Societies, Westmoor Church of Christ, Kinston, Pennsylvania
Lehigh Valley (Pennsylvania) Christian Endeavor Fellowship
Zion Alumni Christian Endeavor Society, Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior High Christian Endeavor, Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania
Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, Dallas, Texas
Seagoville Christian Church, Mesquite, Texas
Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Fairlington Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Virginia
Young Adult Christian Endeavor, Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia
Christian Endeavor, Mt. Olivet Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia
Youth Christian Endeavor, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Everett, Washington
Colliers Christian Church, Colliers, West Virginia

The President's Corner

by Jack R. Rothenberger

My appreciation to all who entered, and special congratulations to those of you who won, in the annual Youth Witness contest. We at International Christian Endeavor are deeply indebted to, and very grateful for, the Diebold contributions which make these awards possible. Our hope is that more individuals and societies will report their efforts at witnessing for Christ. Excellent projects and programs are being conducted everywhere by so many of you. We all need to hear about them. Your reports and achievements will help inspire others to be more energetic in their witnessing for Christ.

In II Corinthians 5:14, 15 (RSV) we read, *"For the love of Christ controls us because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised."*

Can you say that you are really excited about living? Do you feel completely alive? Or, is life simply a dull routine without hope for you?

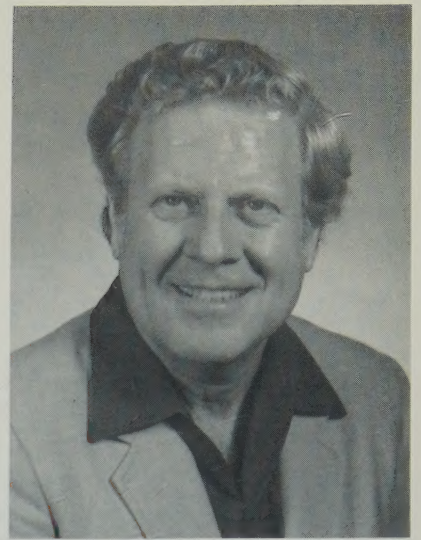
Life, which is God's gift to you, is never meant to run down into a meaningless existence. Jesus taught that only by death comes life; that only by spending life do we retain it; that only by service comes greatness. (See John 12:23-26.)

All around the world there are persons who testify to the reality of the fact that where one person is willing truly to give himself, many others are blessed by his sacrifice. Independence of nations has been achieved because of the sacrifice of the one or the few for the many. Continents have been opened to civilization because individuals

here and there have given themselves to a great cause. We have remedies for crippling and killing diseases, we have freedom and opportunity, and numerous other good things because of this reality.

The Christian church celebrates its central faith in the reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ during Holy Week and Easter. Because Jesus Christ made the supreme sacrifice for every person, those who accept the benefits of this sacrifice by faith no longer live only for themselves but they live for Christ. In so living they express the same kind of love God has shown for the world and seek to live in harmony with God, with self, with others, and with nature...because the love of Christ controls them.

E. Stanley Jones tells of a friend of his, a convert to Christianity from the Malkanas, a group of Mohammedans in India, who had become the beloved teacher of his people. One day he saw two factions of the Malkanas fighting with iron-tipped bamboo poles. He ran between them and took the blows on his heads. Blood began to flow and stain his white garments. Both sides stopped their fighting and stood over him. Some ran for a doctor; others took him into their home. From that moment a reconciliation took place—a reconciliation through his blood, and this teacher said to Dr. Jones: "If a few drops of blood of a sinful man can reconcile a whole village, how much more can the blood of the



Son of God reconcile the whole world."

Has His death and resurrection been in vain?

Are you finding life meaningful, purposeful, and hopeful because you have found courage and strength and power from a relationship with God based on love and gratitude for what He has done for you? Until we have learned to live outside ourselves, we have not really learned to live at all.

Consider the One who died for all! It is impossible for anyone to experience the great and abiding joys of life while living entirely inside himself. Such boundaries are too narrow and confining.

Wouldn't you like to live an exciting life all your life, even until the very end? Consider the One who gave Himself for all so that those who become one with Him through faith may become persons for others too.

When you have considered "the One for all" and have accepted His gracious gift of "eternal" life through faith, do one thing more. Witness to that forgiving, saving act of God in Christ with your individual life and through the activities of your Christian Endeavor society.

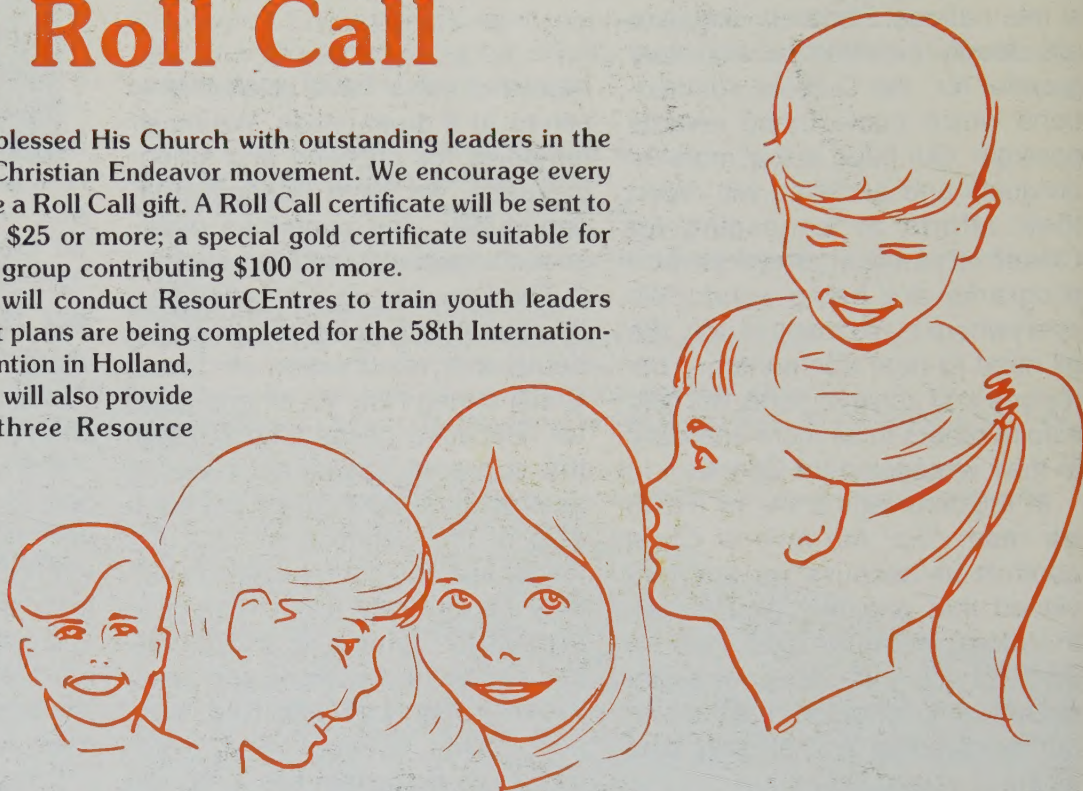
May God inspire you to be His witness!

Society Roll Call

The Lord has abundantly blessed His Church with outstanding leaders in the past 100 years through the Christian Endeavor movement. We encourage every youth group or church to give a Roll Call gift. A Roll Call certificate will be sent to each group sending a gift of \$25 or more; a special gold certificate suitable for framing will be sent to each group contributing \$100 or more.

The International Society will conduct ResourCentres to train youth leaders and sponsors this year. Great plans are being completed for the 58th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Holland, Michigan, July 1-5, 1985. We will also provide 7,000 youth groups with three Resource Packets.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor is committed to advancing the cause of Christ by assisting local churches to train young leaders in the church this year as it has since 1881.



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